

RESTRICTION/ELECTION

Claims 1 – 18 are currently pending in this application. The Examiner asserts that the present application includes claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I: Figure 2

Species II: Figure 7

Species III: Figure 12

Species IV: Figure 13

The Action requires an Election of Species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The examiner indicated that no claim is currently generic.

Applicant elects, with traverse, the Species of Figure 2 corresponding to claims 1 – 4, to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

The Examiner asserts that there is no generic claim currently. Claim 1 is an independent claim. Claims 2 – 4 are dependent on claim 1 and include additional limitations, respectively. Therefore, claim 1 is generic over all the pending claims.

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REMARKS

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims 1 – 4.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that an interview, either telephonically or in person, would advance prosecution of the application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to arrange an interview.

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